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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor and full disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the following items to the attention of the Examiner. The first three references were cited in the corresponding French search report. A copy of that search report, and copies of the cited references, are enclosed. The following is a brief description of the relevance of each item.

German Patent Document No. 19729263 (Katz et al), discussed on page 1 of the present specification, discloses a tapping device for cutting threads. There is no known English equivalent. Enclosed with the document is an abstract in English.

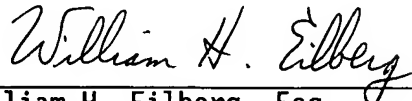
British Patent Document No. 1391176 (Batty) discloses a tapping attachment.

British Patent Document No. 1369208 (Eaves et al) discloses a chuck for holding cutting tools.

European Patent Application No. 0999006 (Wada et al), discussed on page 1 of the present specification, discloses a tap for cutting threads on a press.

Applicant reserves the right to contest the applicability of each item described above as prior art to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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